

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Alaska

Colonel Pearl Kreklau



Pearl Kreklau joined the Army as a Movement Specialist immediately after graduating high school in 1974. She served in Germany for two years, and then returned home and attended college receiving her initial commission through ROTC as a Medical Service Corps officer. After time at Ft Hood, Texas, she left Active Duty and joined the Army Reserves, pursuing her Baccalaureate Degree in nursing (1986). She served in the Army Reserve from 1983-1992, and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital as an Intensive Care Nurse. She was activated for Desert Storm and served at Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC) in 1991. In 1992, she received the Director's Excellence in Nursing Award from the VA in Livermore, California.

COL Kreklau-Caponera returned to Active Duty (for the third time) in January 1993, completed OBC again, and returned to MAMC in Tacoma, Washington, working in the Intermediate Care ICU, and served as Head Nurse of 7 North, a combined Med/Surg unit. She attended Pacific Lutheran University, receiving a Master's in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner degree in 2000. She worked as a Nurse Practitioner in Family Practice at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri, and subsequently became the Chief, Ambulatory Nursing with responsibility for the management of the small pox program, Coumadin Clinic, CPG Coordinator (Clinical Practice Guidelines), and assisted with the SRP and Med Hold units after 9/11. COL Kreklau-Caponera then served as Chief, Department of Primary Care at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center where she served as provider, manager, CPG Coordinator, and Provision of Care Functional Team Leader. She is currently Deputy Commander for Nursing at Bassett Army Community Hospital, Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) Alaska, arriving in June 2008. COL Kreklau-Caponera holds national certification with the ANCC. She is recognized by Sigma Theta Tau as a member of the National Honor Society for Nursing.